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- TANGIBLE PROGRESS

SUMMARY: DRAWING ON WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S BRIEFING,
ALL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 10 BANNER HEADLINE "TANGIBLE
PROGRESS" AT CAMP DAVID, ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES
SAID TO REMAIN. PARTIES REPORTEDLY CONCENTRATING ON
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH, INTER ALIA, WILL PROVIDE
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FOR AT LEAST SOME ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BANK.
LENGTH OF CONFERENCE (NOW EXPECTED LAST, AT MINIMUM,
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12-13) SEEN AS POSITIVE SIGN' U. S.
"CONCENTRATING" ON ISRAEL; PLAYING "FULL-PARTNER" ROLE'
IF PEACE TO BE ACHIEVED, HOWEVER, BEGIN MUST CHANGE HIS
POLICIES, CARTER MUST TAKE DECISIVE STAND. END SUMMARY.

1. TANGIBLE PROGRESS. SEPTEMBER 10 PRESS, TAKING LEAD FROM WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S BRIEFING, BANNER HEADLINES "TANGIBLE PROGRESS" AT CAMP DAVID. PAPERS QUOTE SPOKESMAN AS SAYING TALKS HAVE ENTERED "DELICATE STAGE", WITH SUCCESS ON SOME ISSUES ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES REMAIN. ACCORDING GUMHURIYYA, DIFFERENCES RELATE TO FUTURE OF WEST BANK AND GAZA, PALESTINIAN "CONDITIONS", ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS, AND NATURE OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS.

2. CONFERENCE CONTINUES. DESPITE DIFFERENCES, ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHT POWELL STATEMENT THAT THREE LEADERS HAVE DEMONSTRATED A GENUINE DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE TALKS UNTIL POSITIVE RESULTS ACHIEVED--NO DEADLINE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. PRESS NOTES PRESIDENT CARTER CANCELLING SEPTEMBER 13 SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS AND PREDICT NEGOTIATIONS, AT MINIMUM, WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. AGAIN QUOTING POWELL, PAPERS SAY TALKS FOCUS ON MAJOR ISSUES AND NOT PROCEDURAL MEASURES.

3. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. QUOTING VARIETY OF SOURCES, INCLUDING RADIO ISRAEL, PRESS PREDICTS THAT A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT IS LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM CAMP DAVID. DECLARATION, REPORTEDLY, WILL BE BASED ON ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW FROM WEST BANK, ALTHOUGH AHAM CAREFULLY NOTES UNCLASSIFIED

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ISRAEL IS EXPECTED TO INSIST ON MAINTAINING AN ADEQUATE MILITARY PRESENCE TO GUARANTEE ITS SECURITY. VARIETY OF FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING PRESIDENT CARTER PRESSING ISRAEL FOR EARLY AGREEMENT. (IN CONNECTION WITH DECLARATION, GUMHURIYYA CLAIMS SADAT WAS IN TOUCH WITH KING HUSSEIN AND PRINCE FAHD ON SEPTEMBER 9.)

4. COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. GUMHURIYYA'S HODA TEWFIK, DRAWING ON EGYPTIAN SOURCES AT CAMP DAVID, SAYS GOE CONTINUES TO INSIST ON ADDRESSING ALL ELEMENTS OF PROBLEM. EGYPT WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH MERE ISSUANCE OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, BUT WILL CALL FOR FULL UNDERSTANDING ON IMPLEMENTATION. QUOTING MENA, PAPER CLAIMS SADAT WILL NOT ACCEPT "HALF-SUCCESS" AND IS PREPARED TO FACE FAILURE IN ABSENCE COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

5. EDITORIALY, AHAM FINDS CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS A POSITIVE SIGN. PARTIES WOULD NOT GO ON WITHOUT HOPE OF SUCCESS. NEVERTHELESS, PAPER CONCLUDES OPTIMISM IS PREMATURE: ISRAEL MUST COMMIT ITSELF TO WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS, WHILE RECOGNIZING LEGITIMATE NATIONAL

RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. AKHBAR COMMENTS SIMILARLY,
SAYING IT STILL NECESSARY TO WAIT FOR "DECISIVE U. S.
STAND --TO ASCERTAIN HOW "KEEN" CARTER IS ON ESTABLISHING
A JUST PEACE. AKHBAR'S MANAGING EDITOR, AHMET ZEIN,
WRITING FROM WASHINGTON, DRAWS HOPE FROM CONCLUSION THAT
ISRAELI GAME PLAN HAS FAILED: IMPORTANCE OF CONFERENCE
HAS NOT BEEN REDUCED, USG IS "FULL-PARTNER", WHILE
CARTER HAS DECLARED THAT CAMP DAVID OUTCOME WILL BE
CLEAR AND DETAILED.

6. GUMHURIYYA TAKES BEGIN TO TASK ON RESOLUTION 242.
PAPER CLAIMS ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER IS UNWILLING TO
ACCEPT A SOLUTION BASED ON THIS RESOLUTION, LEST HE
CAME UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE TO ACCEPT OTHER UN
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RESOLUTIONS WHICH GRANT PALESTINIANS POLITICAL, AS
WELL AS REFUGEE, STATUS. GUMHURIYYA CONCLUDES THIS
RESISTANCE IS A MISTAKE: CAMP DAVID CAN NOT SUCCEED
UNLESS BEGIN CHANGES HIS IDEAS. MATTHEWS

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